



THE STATE OF UTAH  
OFFICE OF STATE ENGINEER  
SALT LAKE CITY

WAYNE D. D.  
STATE ENGINEER

January 18, 1963

Mr. Hugh Colton  
55 East Main Street  
Vernal, Utah

Dear Mr. Colton:

Re: Vernal Area Distribution

Enclosed is a proposed budget to cover 1963 operations in the Vernal Area. You will note that Table 2 sets out a break-down of costs among the three creeks comprising the system.

We propose to assess each group for their proportionate share on the same basis as past assessments were levied. In 1962 we assessed Ashley Creek users on a decreed percentage as follows:

1. Primary Water Users	55%
2. Ashley Valley Reservoir Company	20%
3. United States Bureau of Reclamation	15%
4. All other users	10%
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We received protests from some users as to their percentage. You may wish to get your group together and work out a more acceptable assessment basis for us to use in 1963.

We are also proposing that a committee of water users representing Ashley Creek be selected to meet with us and committees from Brush and Pot Creeks to work out a program for our annual meeting. This preliminary meeting with the committees would be as soon as arrangements can be made.

Your prompt response to this letter will be appreciated. We wish to complete arrangements for your area at an early date as it appears we are facing a critical water year.

Yours very truly,

Donald C. Norseth  
DISTRIBUTION ENGINEER

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Enclosures

CC: Mr. Robert Guy  
Mr. David R. Rasmussen  
Brush Creek Committee  
Pot Creek Committee  
Ashley Valley Water Users  
Mr. Joseph Novak  
Mr. Ray Nash

TABLE 1. VERNAL AREA DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM  
PROPOSED BUDGET FOR PERIOD JANUARY TO DECEMBER 31, 1963

I T E M		TOTAL COMBINED SYSTEMS
1. Commissioner's Salary		\$ 3,372.00
Matching Social Security		122.24
Matching State Retirement		134.88
2. Deputy Commissioner's Salary		1,300.00
Matching Social Security		47.13
Matching State Retirement		52.00
3. Travel (11,500 miles at 10¢ per mile)		1,150.00
4. Bonds and Insurance Premium		50.00
5. Commissioner's Annual Report		225.00
6. Office Rent (Joint office with State Engineer 1/3 of cost to be paid by system)		300.00
7. Telephone (Joint with State Engineer 1/3 of cost plus any toll charges to be paid by system)		120.00
8. System Equipment		500.00
9. Miscellaneous		76.75
10. Bank Reserves		1,000.00
TOTAL		\$ 8,450.00

1/ Prepared by Frank Reese, Business Manager and Donald C. Norseth, Distribution Engineer

TABLE 2.

BREAK-DOWN OF VERNAL AREA COSTS FOR 1963

SEGMENT OF SYSTEM	TOTAL BUDGET 1963		EXISTING BANK RE- SERVES END OF 1962	1963 ASSESSMENT
POT CREEK	% 10	Dollars 845.00	Dollars 475.09	Dollars 369.91
BRUSH CREEK	30	2535.00	543.94	1991.06
ASHLEY CREEK	60	5070.00	1153.15	3916.85
TOTAL	100	8450.00	2172.18	6277.82

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Budget

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Assessment

Approved by  
General Meeting